

Agile International Board of Directors (USA)

Fatou Doumbia- Founder

Ms. Doumbia has a long history of finding and applying strategies that help her community thrive. Originally from Mali, she is intensely dedicated to helping the young people of West Africa succeed and contribute to their community. Since the early days of her college education, her vision has been to integrate and coordinate resources and people for organizational success. As an example of her organizational ability, she coordinated medical resources that eradicated schistosomiasis from her neighborhood in Mali. Ms. Doumbia has a B.S. in Computer Information Systems and has worked at IBM as a systems analyst and trainer. This experience has given her the ability to think critically, respond creatively and solve complex problems. She has a reputation for perseverance and sound decision-making.

Dean Larson

Dean Larson has over 20 years experience in sales, marketing and operations in diverse industries. He excels at helping organizations grow and thrive by containing costs and building productive relationships. He has a reputation for enthusiastic, results-oriented performance. Dean has a B.A in Organizational Communications/Public Relations, Magna Cum Laude, from Augustana College, South Dakota.

Bela Belojevic

Helping people to unleash their potential is the core of Bela's work. Before joining Agile International, Bela was a Political Adviser for the Permanent Mission of Macedonia at the United Nations in New York, where she continued the work in international development that had begun in Italy, France, and Macedonia. A background in dance and fine arts led Bela to engage in deep collaborations with public and private stakeholders and influenced her leadership style in the fields of economic and cultural diplomacy. She holds an MA in International Relations from the University of Palermo (Italy) and has recently edited a special feature for the Council of European Studies Journal CritCom on Chinese Investments in Southeast Europe. Bela is fluent in English, Italian, French, Macedonian and Serbian.

Kavya Velagapudi

Kavya Velagapudi is a non-profit and development consultant who helps agencies achieve their fundraising goals. She is a creative, results-driven non-profit professional with six years of diverse experience generating revenue and resources for non-profits. With a Masters in Social Welfare and a concentration in Non-Profit Administration & Policy Advocacy, Kavya has a unique blend of development, management, and clinical skills. Before launching Honu, Ltd., she was the Development Director of International Museum of Women, now part of Global Fund for Women, in San Francisco. Prior to joining the Museum, Kavya was the Western Region Director of Starlight Children's Foundation in Los Angeles, where she oversaw all development, communications and program services in Starlight's Western Region. Kavya has raised funds for various nonprofits through grants,

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special events, corporations, memberships, annual appeals, crowd-funding, e-appeals, silent auctions, and major gifts.

Ellen Cohen, M.A.S.

Ms. Cohen brings not only nonprofit project management expertise to Agile, she also has a personal interest in Mali—her son is from Mali and his extended family resides there. Professionally, she excels at providing technical assistance and financial advice to projects. With experience in 21 African countries during her 25-year career at the World Bank, she held a variety of positions. As Operations Officer she was responsible for project design, implementation, management and trouble-shooting of technical assistance operations in ministries of finance and plan in Sub-Saharan Africa. As Country Officer for the Central African Republic and Gabon, she supervised projects of \$5 to 13M. Ms. Cohen also worked as Technical Assistance Officer in the Africa Region, managing a \$21M portfolio of operations financed by the United Nations Development Program and executed by the World Bank. In addition, she has experience as a grant proposal writer/advisor for a grant facility within the World Bank. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kimpese, Zaire and learned the Lingala language. She also speaks fluent French and has a working knowledge of Spanish. Most recently, she volunteered with ASDAP, a local NGO in Bamako, Mali, providing technical assistance in project management (10 weeks) and similarly to a Life & Hope Association, a local NGO in Siem Riep Cambodia (6 weeks). She is eager to add her project management and international development expertise to Agile International. She holds a Master of Administrative Science from The Johns Hopkins University

Sarah Kelton

Ms. Kelton brings enthusiasm for the Agile mission along with 10 years experience in event planning, community outreach, marketing and promotion. Ms. Kelton has successfully led planning and implementation efforts to raise funds for nonprofits such as Haiti Outreach, *Another Chance Animal Rescue* of Nashville, the Delores Project, and Sobriety house among others. She has a reputation as an outstanding communicator, with writing proficiency, project management skills, and coordination. She has social media expertise and is proficient with Microsoft Office. Ms. Kelton has attended the School for International Training, Study Abroad Program in 2001 and has studied arts and culture in Ghana, West Africa. She currently teaches yoga, dance, movement, and aerobics around the Denver/Boulder area. She is a member of the SERVAS International Peace Organization.